

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method for selecting images from a plurality of images obtained from a digital device for printing with an imaging apparatus, said imaging apparatus having a scanner and accessing a memory storing said plurality of images, said method comprising the steps of:

printing a thumbnail printout, said thumbnail printout including a plurality of thumbnails corresponding to said plurality of images;

generating a selection sheet from said thumbnail printout by placing a first designation mark on said thumbnail printout for each thumbnail of said plurality of thumbnails corresponding to each image of said plurality of images on which a first action is to be taken;

detecting said first designation mark by scanning said selection sheet with said scanner;

10 printing a confirmation for confirming to a user that said each image on which said first action to be taken is designated; and

performing said first action based on said detecting said first designation mark.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of printing said confirmation includes printing said confirmation on said selection sheet.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of printing said confirmation includes printing a first confirmation mark printed at one of a location adjacent said each thumbnail and on said each thumbnail, corresponding to said each image on which said first action is to be taken.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of printing said confirmation includes printing said each thumbnail corresponding to said each image on which said first action is to be taken.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2, said thumbnail printout further including a print option symbol, further comprising the step of:

placing an option designation mark at said print option symbol on said selection sheet to designate a print option,

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5       wherein the step of detecting said first designation mark includes detecting said option designation mark;

      wherein the step of performing said first action includes printing said each image on which said first action is to be taken using said print option; and

10      wherein said step of printing said confirmation includes printing an option confirmation mark at one of a location adjacent said print option symbol and on said print option symbol.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said step of printing said confirmation includes printing said print option symbol.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein:

      said print option symbol is one of a plurality of print option symbols;

      said print option is one of a plurality of print options; and

      said option designation mark is one of a plurality of option designation marks,

5       wherein said each image of said plurality of images on which said first action is to be taken includes a first image on which said first action is to be taken and a second image on which said first action is to be taken;

      said step of performing said first action includes printing said first image using at least one print option of said plurality of print options and printing said second image using a different at 10 least one print option of said plurality of print options; and

      said step of printing said confirmation includes printing said option confirmation mark at print option symbols of said plurality of print option symbols corresponding to said at least one print option and said different at least one print option.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of performing said first action includes printing.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of performing said first action includes inhibiting printing.

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10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of performing said first action includes deleting from said memory.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the step of generating said selection sheet further includes placing a second designation mark on said thumbnail printout for each thumbnail of said plurality of thumbnails corresponding to each image of said plurality of images on which a second action is to be taken, said second designation mark being different from said first designation mark, and said second action being different from said first action;

the step of detecting includes detecting both said first designation mark and said second designation mark by scanning said selection sheet with said scanner;

the step of performing includes performing both said first action and said second action based on said detecting both said first designation mark and said second designation mark respectively; and

wherein the step of printing said confirmation includes printing a first confirmation mark and a second confirmation mark different from said first confirmation mark.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said first action is printing, and said second action is deleting from said memory.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said first designation mark has a first configuration, and said second designation mark has a second configuration different from said first configuration, wherein:

5 said detecting both said first designation mark and said second designation mark includes detecting said first configuration and said second configuration respectively; and

said performing both said first action and said second action is based on said detecting said first configuration and said second configuration respectively.

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14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said first action is printing, and wherein said second action is deleting from said memory.

15. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of printing said confirmation includes printing said confirmation on said selection sheet.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said scanner is an alignment sensor used for aligning a printhead of said imaging apparatus.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting images from a plurality of images obtained from a digital device for printing with an imaging apparatus, said imaging apparatus having a scanner and accessing a memory storing said plurality of images, said method comprising the steps of:

5       printing a thumbnail printout, said thumbnail printout including a plurality of thumbnails corresponding to said plurality of images;

generating a selection sheet from said thumbnail printout by placing a first designation mark directly on each thumbnail of said plurality of thumbnails corresponding to each image of said plurality of images on which a first action is to be taken;

10     detecting said first designation mark by scanning said selection sheet with said scanner;  
providing printing a confirmation for confirming to a user said each image on which said first action to be taken is designated; and

performing said first action based on said detecting said first designation mark.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said first designation mark is an alpha-numeric symbol.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the step of performing said first action is based on a known location of said each thumbnail corresponding to said each image on which said first action is to be taken.

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20. (Original) The method of claim 17, said thumbnail printout further including a print option symbol, further comprising the step of:

placing an option designation mark directly on said print option symbol on said selection sheet to designate a print option,

5 wherein the detecting step includes detecting said option designation mark; and

wherein the step of performing said first action includes printing said each image on which said first action is to be taken using said print option based on a known location of said print option symbol.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein said print option symbol is one of a plurality of print option symbols, said option designation mark is one of a plurality of option designation marks, and said print option is one of a plurality of print options.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein each image of said plurality of images on which said first action is to be taken includes a first image on which said first action is to be taken and a second image on which said first action is to be taken, said step of said performing said first action including printing said first image using at least one print option of said plurality of print options and printing said second image using a different at least one print option of said plurality of print options.

5 23. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the step of performing said first action includes printing.

24. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the step of performing said first action includes inhibiting printing.

25. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the step of performing said first action includes deleting from said memory.

26. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein:

the step of generating said selection sheet further includes placing a second designation mark directly on each thumbnail of said plurality of thumbnails corresponding to each image of said plurality of images on which a second action is to be taken, said second designation mark being different from said first designation mark, and said second action being different from said first action;

the step of detecting includes detecting both said first designation mark and said second designation mark by scanning said selection sheet with said scanner; and

the step of performing includes performing both said first action and said second action based on said detecting both said first designation mark and said second designation mark respectively.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein said first action is printing, and said second action is deleting from said memory.

28. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein said first designation mark has a first configuration, and said second designation mark has a second configuration different from said first configuration, wherein:

5 said detecting said both said first designation mark and said second designation mark includes detecting said first configuration and said second configuration respectively; and

said performing both said first action and said second action is based on said detecting said first configuration and said second configuration respectively.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein said first action is printing, and wherein said second action is deleting from said memory.

30. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said scanner is an alignment sensor used for aligning a printhead of said imaging apparatus.

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31. (Previously Presented) A method for selecting images from a plurality of images obtained from a digital device for printing with an imaging apparatus, said imaging apparatus having a scanner and accessing a memory storing said plurality of images, said method comprising the steps of:

5 printing a thumbnail printout, said thumbnail printout including a plurality of thumbnails corresponding to said plurality of images and at least one orientation symbol for indicating an orientation of said thumbnail printout;

generating a selection sheet from said thumbnail printout by placing a first designation mark on said thumbnail printout for each thumbnail of said plurality of thumbnails corresponding 10 to each image of said plurality of images on which a first action is to be taken;

detecting said first designation mark by scanning said selection sheet with said scanner;

detecting said at least one orientation symbol by scanning said selection sheet with said scanner, wherein said scanner is an alignment sensor used for aligning a printhead of said imaging apparatus;

15 determining said orientation of said selection sheet based on said at least one orientation symbol; and

performing said first action based on said detecting said first designation mark and based on said determining said orientation.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein said at least one orientation symbol includes at least one elongate bar.

33. (Original) The method of claim 32, wherein said at least one elongate bar is printed in at least one corner of said thumbnail printout

34. (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein said at least one orientation symbol is configured to indicate at least four possible orientations of said thumbnail printout.

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35. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein said at least one orientation symbol is at least four orientation symbols.

36. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein a first orientation symbol is an elongate bar, a second orientation symbol is two elongate bars, a third orientation symbol is three elongate bars, and a fourth orientation symbol is four elongate bars.

37. (Original) The method of claim 36, wherein said orientation is determined based on detecting a number of elongate bars.

38. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the step of performing said first action is based on a known location of said at least one thumbnail based on the step of determining said orientation.

39. (Original) The method of claim 31, said thumbnail printout further including a print option symbol, further comprising the step of:

placing an option designation mark at said print option symbol on said selection sheet to designate a print option,

5       wherein the step of detecting said first designation mark includes detecting said option designation mark;

      wherein the step of performing said first action includes printing said each image on which said first action is to be taken using said print option; and

10     wherein the step of performing said first action is based on a known location of said print option symbol based on the step of determining said orientation.

40. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the step of performing said first action includes printing.

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41. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the step of performing said first action includes inhibiting printing.

42. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the step of performing said first action includes deleting from said memory.

43. (Canceled)

44. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein:

the step of generating said selection sheet further includes placing a second designation mark on said thumbnail printout for each thumbnail of said plurality of thumbnails corresponding to each image of said plurality of images on which a second action is to be taken, said second designation mark being different from said first designation mark, and said second action being different from said first action;

the step of detecting said first designation mark includes detecting both said first designation mark and said second designation mark by scanning said selection sheet with said scanner; and

10 the step of performing includes performing both said first action and said second action based on said detecting both said first designation mark and said second designation mark respectively and based on the step of determining said orientation.

45. (Original) The method of claim 44, wherein said first action is printing, and said second action is deleting from said memory.

46. (Original) The method of claim 44, wherein said first designation mark has a first configuration, and said second designation mark has a second configuration different from said first configuration, wherein:

5 said detecting said both said first designation mark and said second designation mark includes detecting said first configuration and said second configuration respectively; and

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said performing both said first action and said second action is based on said detecting said first configuration and said second configuration respectively.

47. (Original) The method of claim 46, wherein said first action is printing, and wherein said second action is deleting from said memory.

48. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting images from a plurality of images obtained from a digital device for printing with an imaging apparatus, said imaging apparatus having a scanner and accessing a memory storing said plurality of images, said method comprising the steps of:

5       printing a thumbnail printout, said thumbnail printout including a plurality of thumbnails corresponding to said plurality of images;

generating a selection sheet from said thumbnail printout by:

            placing a first designation mark directly on each thumbnail of said plurality of thumbnails corresponding to each image of said plurality of images on which a first action is to be taken; and

            placing a second designation mark directly on each thumbnail of said plurality of thumbnails corresponding to each image of said plurality of images on which a second action is to be taken, said second designation mark being different from said first designation mark, and said second action being different from said first action;

15       detecting said first designation mark and said second designation mark by scanning said selection sheet with said scanner;

providing printing a confirmation for confirming to a user that at least one of said first action and said second action is designated to be performed;

            performing said first action based on said detecting said first designation mark; and

20       performing said second action based on said detecting said second designation mark.

49. (Original) The method of claim 48, wherein said first action is printing, and said second action is deleting from said memory.

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50. (Original) The method of claim 48, wherein said first designation mark has a first configuration, and said second designation mark has a second configuration different from said first configuration, wherein:

the step of detecting said first designation mark and said second designation mark includes

5 detecting said first configuration and detecting said second configuration respectively;

the step of performing said first action is based on said detecting said first configuration; and

the step of performing said second action is based on said detecting said second configuration.

51. (Original) The method of claim 48, said thumbnail printout further including a print option symbol, further comprising the steps of:

placing an option designation mark at said print option symbol on said selection sheet to designate a print option; and

5 detecting said option designation mark by scanning said selection sheet with said scanner, wherein the step of performing said first action includes printing each said image on which said first action is to be taken using said print option.

52. (Original) The method of claim 51, wherein:

said print option symbol is one of a plurality of print option symbols;

said print option is one of a plurality of print options; and

said option designation mark is one of a plurality of option designation marks,

5 wherein each image of said plurality of images on which said first action is to be taken includes a first image on which said first action is to be taken and a second image on which said first action is to be taken; and

the step of performing said first action includes printing said first image using at least one print option of said plurality of print options and printing said second image using a different at least 10 one print option of said plurality of print options.

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53. (Original) The method of claim 48, wherein said scanner is an alignment sensor used for aligning a printhead of said imaging apparatus.